

The Cycle of Grace

1 Peter 3:8-12

The Weight of Grace, 10

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Community is the breeding ground for grace. 3:8

"finally, all of you ... "

Thinking communally requires a different mindset ...

... pursuing a common goal: grace.

"have unity of mind"

... believing that everyone has a story.

"sympathy"

... considering one another family.

"brotherly love, a tender heart"

... pursuing what is best for others.

"a humble mind"

Respond to hurt and pain by ... 3:9

... refusing to retaliate.

"do not repay evil with evil or reviling for reviling"

... pursuing the well-being of another.

"bless, for to this you were called"

... knowing that will experience God's grace.

"that you may obtain a blessing"

Our walk with God is dependent on how we respond to hurt. 3:10-12

Our Story

Who has hurt you? Who do you need to choose to bless?

QUOTE

"Modern Western concepts of individualism tend to trump commitment to community. Where commitment is found, it is often evaluated in terms of individual needs. An individual whose needs are no longer met by a community terminates the 'commitment' and seeks a new and more obliging group. Such thinking runs counter to the qualities of 3:8." Karen Jobes